

Aum
Shri Param Krupalu Devay Namah
Kathopanishad
Shibir-4
Adhyay-1 Second Valli Shloks 14-25

Model Answer Paper

Marks: 50

While checking the paper, follow the points given here. Multiple options have been given to make it easy to check. Marks can be given if any of the options is written, or if its essence is captured in the answer.

(I) Choose the correct answer.

Marks: 5

Give one mark for each correct answer.

1. (a) Unlimited
2. (c) Nirupadhik Brahma
3. (d) Identify himself as separate from
4. (a) Purification of the mind
5. (b) The supreme self (Brahmapad)

(II) Match the examples given below with their paramarth.

Marks: 5

Give ½ mark for each correct answer.

1. j 2. f 3. i 4. e 5. d 6. c 7. h 8. a 9. g 10. b

(III) Answer in one or two words.

Marks: 5

Give one mark for each correct answer.

1. Contentment / satisfaction
2. Past - present
3. Disturbance / restlessness / vikshep
4. Brahma / Parbrahma / ultimate reality / supreme reality
5. Praises / appreciation

(IV) Write true or false. Give reason if false.

Marks: 5

Give one mark for each correct answer.

If False is written, but reason is not written or incorrect reason is written – give 0 marks.

For True, no reason is expected.

1. False. It indicates our lack of passion - our indolence. / A true seeker doesn't have even a little bit of tendency of 'It will do'.
2. True.
3. False. It is not perishable. / It is imperishable.
4. False. Painful incidents occur. / During painful incidents, there are no ripples within, due to which sorrow is not experienced.
5. True.

(V) Explain the meanings of the words given below.

Marks: 5

Give one mark for each correct answer.

1. Never born / which is not created
2. Beginningless / age-old / doesn't decay - doesn't grow / always there / ancient

3. Chooses / selects

4. 1) Celestial abode / heaven - ½ mark
 2) Experience of Brahma / steadfastness in the self - ½ mark
5. 1) Purity of mind and senses - ½ mark
 2) By God's Grace - ½ mark

(VI) Answer in one sentence.

Marks: 10

Give one mark for each correct answer.

1. 1) Purpose 2) Passion 3) Practice 4) Patience

Give ½ mark if one, two or three of these are written, and 1 mark if all four are written.

2. Brahmacharya prevents the inner sound of Aum from getting lost outside and turns it back within. Therefore it has been compared to a wall.

3. Worshipping Aum - heaven - ½ mark
 Meditating on Aum - self-realisation / liberation - ½ mark

4. All traditions start and end their practice / meditation with Aum. / Aum-like words are found in all religions.

5. Because the nature of the soul cannot die and cannot kill. / He believes that the body is the soul, which is an illusion.

6. Am I where the body is, or where the mind is? / Am I the body or the mind?

7. I have experienced and I know the soul which you wish to know. You have come to the right place. / Your welfare is certain. / "Thashe" - you shall surely attain the knowledge of the soul.

8. On the path of knowledge - ego - ½ mark
 On the path of devotion - laziness / indolence / inadvertence (only waiting) - ½ mark

9. Subtle intellect / body, material karma and impure feelings / associations and impurities / body, mind, intellect

10. Pashyati means to see. The word pashyati is used to describe the satisfaction one feels on experiencing the soul which is similar to the satisfaction that's felt when you see something.

(VII) Answer in brief.

Marks: 10

1. Example - The noise of the train going on a railway track is the same, yet it is expressed differently by the listeners. - 1 mark
 Parmarth - Whoever goes within, experiences the same inner sound of Aum, but they express it differently. - 1 mark

2. Example - When asked to answer any 7 out of 10 questions in an exam, Swami Ramtirth answered all 10 and wrote that you can check any 7 answers. - 1 mark
 Parmarth - A seeker should have such intense passion on the spiritual path. Whatever he does should be done with perfection. - 1 mark

3. 1) Beyond dharma-adharma / beyond auspicious-inauspicious / beyond doership-enjoyership.
 2) Beyond cause-effect / beyond causal relationship / which is neither a cause nor an effect / which is not born from anything and from which nothing is born
 3) Beyond time

Give one mark if any one of these is written, 1.5 marks if two are written and 2 marks if all three are written.

4. The soul is subtler than an atom because it cannot be known by the senses / is invisible / is formless. - 1 mark

Happiness of subsidence / Upsham sukh

- 1 mark

5. 1) Who does not restrain from bad conduct.
 2) Whose senses are not controlled / whose senses are disturbed.
 3) Whose mind is not focused / whose mind is restless, scattered.
 4) Who is disturbed due to expectations of fruits of karma / who desires fruits of spiritual practices.
 Give ½ mark for each of these.

(VIII) Answer the following questions based on the very important 23rd shlok related to the attainment of self-realisation.

Marks: 5

1. 1) Giving discourses / studying scriptures - ½ mark
 - 2) Power of intelligence / memorising / ability to contemplate - ½ mark
 - 3) Listening to discourses - satsangs - ½ mark
2. Example - The sun is available to everyone, but those in an open space receive heat, light, vitamin D and protection from cold. Mosquitoes are kept away and the air is purified in the houses of those whose windows are open. Those sitting in a cave do not experience any of these benefits from the sun. - 1 mark
- Parmarth - The soul is available to all, but only those with a pure heart and have space in their minds can experience it. / Even though the soul is available to all, it reveals itself to the one who desires only the soul and nothing else. - 1 mark
3. Example - It is useless to cry in a jungle, because no one will hear it. - ½ mark
- Parmarth - Likewise, religious rituals like chanting, austerities, scriptural studies devoid of desire for the soul will not be helpful in experiencing the soul. - 1 mark

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